

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

At pages 5-6, please delete paragraph [0014] and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0014] Suitable ceramic compositions for use herein are also disclosed in copending U.S. nonprovisional applications entitled "CERAMIC COMPOSITIONS USEFUL FOR THERMAL BARRIER COATINGS HAVING REDUCED THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY" (Spitsberg et al), Serial No. 10/748,508, filed December 30, 2003, Attorney Docket No. 129967, and "CERAMIC COMPOSITIONS USEFUL IN THERMAL BARRIER COATINGS HAVING REDUCED THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY" (Spitsberg et al), Serial No. 10/748,520, filed December 30, 2003, Attorney Docket No. 129968, both of which are incorporated by reference. The ceramic compositions disclosed in the first of these copending applications comprise at least about 91 mole % zirconia and up to about 9 mole % of a stabilizer component comprising a first metal oxide having selected from the group consisting of yttria, calcia, ceria, scandia, magnesia, india, ytterbia and mixtures thereof; a second metal oxide of a trivalent metal atom selected from the group consisting of lanthana, gadolinia, neodymia, samaria, dysprosia, and mixtures thereof; and a third metal oxide of a trivalent metal atom selected from the group consisting of erbia, ytterbia and mixtures thereof. Typically, these ceramic compositions comprise from about 91 to about 97 mole % zirconia, more typically from about 92 to about 95 mole % zirconia and from about 3 to about 9 mole %, more typically from about from about 5 to about 8 mole %, of the composition of the stabilizing component; the first metal oxide (typically yttria) can comprise from about 3 to about 6 mole %, more typically from about 3 to about 5 mole %, of the ceramic composition; the second metal oxide (typically lanthana or gadolinia) can comprise from about 0.25 to about 2 mole %, more typically from about 0.5 to about 1.5 mole %, of the ceramic composition; and the third metal oxide (typically ytterbia) can comprise from about 0.5 to about 2 mole %, more typically from about 0.5 to about 1.5 mole %, of the ceramic composition, with the ratio of the second metal oxide to the third metal oxide typically being in the range of from about 0.5 to about 2, more typically from about 0.75 to about 1.33.